

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2005 in which claims 56-72 were rejected. With this Reply, claims 57-61 are amended. Claims 56-72 are presented by the Applicants for reconsideration and allowance.

1. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 56-62, 66, 67 AND 69-72 UNDER THE JUDICIALLY CREATED DOCTRINE OF OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING OVER CLAIMS 1 - 21 OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,733,404

Page 2 of the Office Action rejected claims 56-62, 66, 67 and 69-72 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,733,404. With this Reply, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer to obviate this double patenting rejection. In particular, Applicants submit an executed USPTO Form PTO/SB/26 entitled "Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent," in particular, U.S. Patent 6,733,404.

Additionally, with this Reply, Applicants amend claims 57-61 to correct a typographical error in the preamble of claims 57-61. The term "insert" is replaced with the term "bat."

2. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 63-65 UNDER THE JUDICIALLY CREATED DOCTRINE OF OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING OVER CLAIMS 1 - 21 OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,733,404 IN VIEW OF BOHANNAN


Page 2 of the Office Action rejected claims 63-65 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,733,404 in view of Bohannan (U.S. Patent No. 4,848,745). With this Reply, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer to obviate this double patenting rejection. In particular, Applicants submit an executed USPTO Form PTO/SB/26 entitled "Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent," in particular, U.S. Patent 6,733,404.

3. *CONCLUSION*

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 56-72. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any issues in this case in order to advance the prosecution thereof.

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